MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Chief Secretary kindly name any other institution for which capitation grant has been given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a technical school in Bombay to which such grant is being given.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is there any other institution in the Madras Presidency which receives such a grant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think this is the only institution in the Madras Presidency which is receiving such a grant.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is it not a missionary institution?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Grants to Girls' Schools.

40. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of girls' schools receiving grants from the Government; and

(*b*) how many of the managers of these schools are women?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:

Class of school.	Number aided.	Number whose managers are women.	Remarks.
1. English Schools for Girls.	20	11	These figures relate to the year 1101.
2. Special Schools for Girls.	19	14	
3. Vernacular Schools for Girls.	189	36	

G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Revenue.

41. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 64, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Rev., dated the 8th December 1923?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A copy* of the G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Rev., dated the 8th December 1923, is laid on the table.

Improvement of Communications between Palode and Vamanapuram.

42. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): In view of the prohibitive cost of carting tapioca and other agricultural products from Palode and other places in Neduvangad to Trivandrum and other places, will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table a report as to whether it would not be possible to establish river communication between Palode and Vamanapuram by the diversion of the course of the river or by other means?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter requires investigation. The Chief Engineer will be consulted.

State Life Insurance Scheme.

43. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the stage at which the scheme of Life Insurance for the non-official public is at present?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The scheme is still under consideration.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, may I know from the member for how long this scheme has been under the consideration of the Government?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): For about two or three years.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How long will it take for the Government to finish their consideration?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Before three months the consideration of the scheme will be over.

Financial Help to Merchants from Banks holding Government Investments.

44. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th February 1921 to part (iii) of question No. 22, will the Government be pleased to state why instructions have not yet been given to the various banks in which Sirkar funds are invested to render financial help to merchants carrying on trade here?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Government do not consider that a stipulation such as was suggested in 1921 in the question referred to can be made a condition precedent to the investment of surplus funds with banks. It is hoped that, when the State-aided Bank begins to work, further banking facilities over and above those that are already afforded will be available to merchants carrying on trade in the State.

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 122.

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 41.**

Copy of letter Dis. No. 1648 of 1923/Revenue, dated the 8th December 1923, from the Chief Secretary to Government to the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

With reference to your letter R. O. C. No. 3050/23/L. R., dated the 18th September, 1923, *re* the order in which movables and immovables should be proceeded against for collection of revenue under the Revenue Recovery Regulation, I have the honour to inform you that this point also was considered by Government in connection with the passing of the Amending Regulation, X of 1097. The opinion then recorded by the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and acted upon by Government was the following :—

"So far as the power of attachment of properties is concerned, the Regulation gives the discretion to Revenue authorities to proceed against movable properties or immovable properties; there is no provision which requires that movable properties shall be primarily proceeded against. The discretion vested in the Revenue Officer under Section 5 of the Madras Act is also conferred by Section 5 of the Regulation. No amendment is necessary on this point."

Government accept the above view expressed by Mr. Subba Aiyar. I request that you will be so good as to issue the necessary orders accordingly, in the matter, for the information and guidance of the officers concerned.

LEGISLATION.

THE TRAVANCORE CINEMATOGRAPH BILL.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We will now resume the consideration of the Cinematograph Bill.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, we have been at the consideration of clause 6, sub-clause (2) of the Bill and an amendment was moved by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai for deleting that sub-clause. It was also supported by Mr. Madhavan Pillai and Mr. Mammen Mappillai and Mr. Matthew. I now proceed to oppose it and shall briefly state my grounds for doing so.

The Sub-clause which is sought to be omitted runs thus :—

"If any person is convicted of an offence punishable under this Regulation committed by him in respect of any film, the convicting court may further direct that the film shall be forfeited to the Government."

It will be seen from the express wording of the Section that the object of that provision is to give the convicting court a discretionary power to confiscate the film with which the offence was committed or, in other words, to enable the Magistrate, in a fit case, to take the film

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